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Those Brothers.

Brothers are some fun and some heartache. They are, on the whole, the most unsatisfying kind of mankind created.

There are two kinds of him—the kind you grow up with, who doesn't believe in your wings, and the other kind, who says he is your brother and tells a story. Neither of them is reliable.

Did you ever have a brother who got married—finally? That one you loved—the only one you had; in fact, the only one of the kind in the world. You slept in the little trundle bed with him in those childish days you remember. He played with and teased you all day, and then looked so like a cherub on his pillow at night that conscience pricked you for every mean thing you did or said to him all day—that little brother. And then you went to school together, and you held fast to his hand that was never quite clean. He said it was “no use to wash it, it would just get dirty again.” He ran errands for you and carried all your notes; that handy little brother. He had all those passing manias that boys are heir to. For a while he was shy of girls, and then he wasn't. Then he attained the necktie age at a bound; not that he did not wear ties before, but he suddenly became a connoisseur in ties, and favored mostly those on the rainbow order—symphonies of color, you know. He fed his pigeons and rabbits, bore with his coon and loved his dogs loyally, and then he had a gun. Those two manias—girls and guns—both equally dangerous, lasted and became chronic. As fast as the dogs died or ran away he got another; as fast as circumstances permitted he traded or bought a new gun. The fair favorites of his fancy reigned a brief space, and passed on with the game, to some other boy. Not a bad brother, you know, just a brother, cheery, sunshiny and gregarious, that kept your mind in a constant ferment. And then you went to college together. That was the time when he was the most puffed up with pride. These were his salad days when he was green in judgment. When he fell in love for the first

time and bought a guitar. When the evening breezes blowing past his window bore away pensive airs of twilight melody, or rather one air, for that was all he knew at first, but it seemed to soothe him a good deal. Those were anxious days; when you had to touch him gently with a long handled pole, as it were, on account of the sensitive and inflamed state of his mind and heart. But, O my! when that pretty girl with the cherry lips and blonde bangs threw him overboard, what a saturnine philosopher was left on your hands. These were the nights when the midnight oil most did spit and sputter, and the guitar gave out such minor chords that you wished all the blondes at the bottom of the deep blue sea.

Then he, like you, bid his touching farewell to his alma mater, though whom it touched, you probably couldn't say. You charged into life with much courage and small counsel. He never set the Thames on fire; neither have you, as yet—proof positive that the Thames is not very combustible. But you had hopes for him as well as for your self, hopes of a brave, bright name. Everywhere he goes there are the same snares, the same delusions—girls and guns. But after he has been in love with so many girls—not engaged very often, but just ensnared as to his affections—you finally settle to the soothing conviction that after the fret and fever of the first quarter century had passed you would still have him left all your own, to love and to spoil, to plan and to pray for, to the gray end of the chapter. He said he loved you best of all the bright eyes, and he and you would have a cosy cottage with a kettle on the settle and books and friends against the time of snows. And you believed him—

“O, John Anderson, my Jo John,
We clamb the hill thegither,
And mony a canty day, John,
We've had wi' ane anither.”

Till one day when that guileless, obliging postman who brings all sorts of news, a dun or a death, with the same impurterbability of Father Time, brought a letter full of the virtues and graces of that last of many girls whom he has loved better than you. Her eyes are soft and grey. She is untouched by stain of worldliness, his Marguerite who blooms, the star-eyed flower, for him alone. He is sure you will love her, too, and be glad she is yours as well as his. What a queer, savage feeling it gave you at first. That this girl so far away, that last of the series with her soft gray eyes never loved him as you do, that little brother. She has not mended his socks and his temper all these years as you have; she has not wept when he was away and rejoiced at his homecoming; she has not prayed for him night and morning since his babyhood. She has not idolized him as you do—that little brother. But he loves her best. Ah, John Anderson, my Jo John! That was how you felt at first, doubtless, but if

you will observe you will find that that is a way brothers have and it would seem that the only chance for a permanent investment of affection is the other fellow who said he would be your brother but won't stick to his promise. But I say unto you, put not your trust in brothers at all, for they are not to be counted upon.

E. I.

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA.

The Higher Education of Women.

The subject of the higher education of women is a very important one. Indeed we venture to assert that, of the phases of the vexed woman question, this is the one of the most vital importance, both on account of its bearing on the women themselves, and the well-being of society. Ought women to receive what is called a "higher education?" Why not? There seems to be little difference of opinion as to the value of a collegiate education to men. Why is it not considered of equal value to women, and if of equal value, why is it denied them? Can any one give anything worthy to be called a *reason* why girls and boys are educated together in our public schools—in primary, grammar and high schools—and then, when they have come up to the point where they are fitted to enter college, a line of separation is drawn, and the boys march triumphantly on, while the girls are informed that they can go no farther? Surely, this is a most amazing and shameful thing! This certainly is the greatest wrong to which women are to-day subjected.

It is true things are different now from what they were a few years ago. Public sentiment on this subject, especially in the United States, has changed wonderfully. Though Adelbert College, to her great disgrace, has gone back into the ranks of the foes to progress, and again excluded women from her halls, yet in very many of our western colleges women are to-day admitted upon equal terms with men. Colleges for women only, as Wellesley, Smith and Vassar, are also doing a grand work in this direction. But this is only a beginning: not until every college in the land shall open its doors to women will justice be done.

But let us look at some of the so-called arguments advanced against the higher education of women. One of the principal objections urged is that women have not the physical strength to endure the mental effort necessary to obtain a higher education. Now this whole argument is based upon false assumption. It is taken for granted that brain work is especially detrimental to health. If this were true it would be contrary to all the analogies of nature. Every physiologist knows that all the organs of an individual work together for, or against, the good of the whole organism; if one organ is disused it will finally become incapable of performing the functions for which it was designed, and the health of the whole will suffer. But perhaps some may doubt whether the physical health will suffer through lack of mental culture. Now that this is just as true as the opposite, physicians are beginning to recognize. They tell us that there is more ill health among ignorant and uneducated women than among the highly educated. Many of the ills from which women suffer are purely imaginary; they are subject to hysterics, and all kinds of nervous diseases, and the treatment given them by designing physicians, alas! consists often only in the administering of bread pills. Now we can not imagine a woman with an enlightened understanding and broadened views, resulting from a higher education, working herself up into such a state over every little ache and pain. It is no argument against higher education to point to this ill health, prevalent among women, as though education were the cause of it, for the fact is, that only a small proportion have received this education. This fact of ill health then would rather seem to show that the present mode of life of the majority of women is detrimental to health, and it is certainly a possible, nay a probable thing, that a training of all the powers of the intellect, substituted for the present one-sided method of education, would produce a different result. Of course the fact that a few foolish people over work their brains, and thus ruin their health, has nothing to do with the question; this can be done by any kind of labor, physical or mental. It is only necessary to use a little common sense in this, as well as in all other matters. As for the amount of work necessary to complete a college course, it certainly is not excessive, or any more than a person of moderate

ability and a love for study can do without the slightest danger of injury to health.

In the next place, it is said that if a woman receives a higher education she will lose all her womanliness and delicacy, and will become a "strong minded woman" in the offensive sense of that term; and, as some one has suggested, is it not a shame that we use that word with such a meaning of reproach, as if to be a true *woman* it were necessary to be *weak* minded. But on what grounds can one reason in this way. Has knowledge the effect of blunting and perverting the sensibilities? Is it true that the more highly educated a person is the coarser and less refined he is? By no means! On the contrary, what could be more elevating and ennobling than to study this wonderful universe about us, at every step learning to read in it marks of design and to see beauty and wisdom everywhere; or again to study our own minds and thus obtain a just appreciation of our God-given powers and a true conception of the life task which has been allotted us to perform; or yet again to study human history, and read the record of God's dealing with mankind.

The argument is sometimes advanced that young men have a secret horror of educated young women. Whether this is true or not, is perhaps doubtful; but if it is a fact, is it not a disgrace to the young men? There must certainly be something wrong with their aesthetic faculties if they prefer for a wife a young woman who has physical beauty only, to one who has mental and moral beauty as well. Felix Hope expressed the right sentiment when gazing on Esther Lyon he said: "I wonder whether the subtle measuring of forces will ever come to measuring the force there would be in one beautiful woman whose mind was as noble as her face was beautiful, who made a man's passion for her rush in one current with all the great aims of his life."

Another argument advanced against the higher education of women, which is hardly worth notice, is that they have not the mental capacity to receive it, that their faculties are not well balanced, that they are highly emotional and imaginative and hence incapable of carrying on reasoning and induction. We may admit that this is, to a certain extent, true; women are more emotional

than they should be, but this is the very reason why they need the discipline of a higher education. For what is the object of education? Is it not to strengthen the weak faculties, to discipline and train those who are unduly developed, and so make a strong, symmetrical and well-balanced character? But the assumption that woman, with all her faults, is mentally incapable of receiving a higher education, has been so highly disproved by actual trial in those colleges where she has been admitted that it would be simply a waste of time to discuss this point further.

Another objection is stated something like this: "Must women marry and thus throw away their expensive educations." This certainly is the most senseless objection that could be raised, inasmuch as the very object of education is primarily the mental and moral development of the individual. If education gives us higher types of character it has accomplished its end. But, leaving this aside, can not a mother, of all others, use her cultivated powers for the good of others? In the training of her children does she not make the highest possible use of her trained intellect? But how about the women who do not marry? For if we may believe statistics, women greatly outnumber men, and, sad to say, some of them must remain in a state of single blessedness! Must we believe that these women come into being to be failures, and as a result of a miscalculation of the Creator? Or are we not obliged to believe that some of them have been providentially set aside to do another work, a work in literature, philosophy and science which men could not do. For, that woman's talents are, as a rule, different from those of man no one can doubt. Dr. Raymond, a former president of Vassar College, says: "Surely, a woman may be as scholarly in her tastes as man; her readings in literature, and her researches in science may be as extensive; her modes of investigation may be as philosophical, her observations as accurate and her record of them as exact and reliable, though in all these respects her work will be sure to take on qualities which will mark it as feminine—qualities, be it observed, that are by no means on that account deficiencies—excellences it may be, in which the woman will surpass the man as much as in others she is surpassed by him."

In conclusion then, we believe that woman should receive a

higher education, because it is conducive to her health, happiness and usefulness, and because in the words of Frances Willard, "The two halves of humanity must rise or fall together, dwarfed or God-like, bond or free."

A. L. W.

WOOSTER, OHIO.

Woman and Her Sphere.

A subject that ought to lie very near our hearts is that of "Woman and Her Sphere." It is a subject which, if given careful and earnest thought, will arouse and interest all. From the earliest time down through the annals of History we read of woman and her work. She has been a prominent factor in society and a willing laborer in all good works. The women of our own time are more interesting to us, because we not only know of, but see their work. In woman we have the embodiment of purity and nobleness of character, of good judgment and a high sense of feeling. She is ambitious, longing to gain knowledge and by this fit herself for some vocation in this great world. I fancy I hear a cry coming up from the sterner sex like this: "Woman is not capable of filling such positions in life as man. She is inferior to him in many respects, is not capable of taking in and retaining the store of knowledge that he is. The place for women is not in public life, but rather ought she to attend to domestic affairs. Here she can find that which is more nearly within reach of her ability." Shall we sit meekly by and take this without a word? No. Such darts hurled at women only tend to arouse them to action, and when they move something is to be done. We object very seriously to being considered weaker than man. We claim, and justly too, a mind equal to or superior to that of man; a mind capable of finer shades of thought or meaning; a mind capable of clear distinctions between right and wrong; a mind capable of comprehending any subject that is within the scope of the human mind. This can be easily illustrated by the fact that the young lady students of our colleges and universities stand higher in rank in almost, if not in all branches of learning, than the gentlemen. Man claims a greater reasoning power. Why does he not display it?

Woman is capable of whatever she undertakes. We have but to look about us to see women who are filling positions as capably as men could fill them. Our women and girls of to-day see and realize the need and importance of fitting themselves for some special work. God raises up woman to be a power for good in the world. We find her in the practice of medicine and law; in the universities and other institutions of learning; in the W. C. T. U. work; in fact, at the head of the great reformation which is to bring about peace and happiness where now dwells the spirit of intemperance. Who can deny that this is one of the greatest movements ever instituted? We see her working earnestly in the cause of missions, trying to establish homes and schools for perishing souls in heathen lands; we see her ministering unto those who so much need the presence of the Divine Being. Take woman from society, her influence from the world, and what will be the result? A rapid return to bárbarism. Thus we see that wherever woman goes she carries with her a refining influence, a sacred benediction, and by her deeds of love and kindness is a ministering angel in the hands of God and a power for good in the world.

B. A. G.

QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

Chapter Correspondence.

DEAR JOURNAL:—I have been asked to write you all that is of interest regarding our Topeka local chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Some time ago two Thetas met in the State Library. One wore a badge and the other gave the grip. Immediately they began to talk of "auld lang syne;" question and answer followed in quick succession, and when finally they came back to Topeka they found in comparing notes that they were acquainted with seven other Thetas residing in this western city. The two discussed the possibility of a local chapter, and decided to see the other girls, all of whom were enthusiastic. (What Theta wouldn't be?] Six of us met at Mrs. Nicholson's on the 15th and decided to meet on the third Wednesday of each month, to try to have some message from each of our respective chapters; and as three were unable to be present that afternoon, and we then learned of two other Thetas who had recently moved here, to meet again on the 23rd. At this second meeting ten loyal Thetas were in attendance. Then it was decided that since there are so many societies here, we would not attempt to keep up with the college chapters in literary work; but would each try to look up the more important current events of the month in that section of the world assigned to us; and would tell what we had learned in our own way, and have a social Theta time of it.

The members of the local chapter are: Florence Beck, *Alpha*; Mrs. Grace (Brooks) Gibson, *Beta*; Mrs. Floy (Wasmuth) Hickman, *Delta*; Mrs. Julia (Watson) Nicholson, Mrs. Ida (Bay) Duback, Mrs. Mame (Hudson) Kizer and Ella E Ropes, *Kappa*; Mrs. Jessie (Wright) Whitcomb, *Lambda*; Annie L. Adams, *Nu*; and Clara Shellabarger and Mary Knox, *Tau*. Besides these, Francis Storrs, *Iota*, and Margaret Mulvane, *Tau*, are now at

school, and Mrs. Angie (Minear) Music, *Delta*, is visiting in the east, but we hope to have them with us at the summer meetings.

As we discussed our numbers and wondered how so many of us did not know of so many others, we instructed our secretary to put a notice in the papers stating that we would have a meeting Feb. 20th, at Annie L. Adams, 1302 Topeka avenue, and invited all Thetas in the city to be present. In this way we hope to reach all who may be here and who are ignorant of the number of sisters there are ready to greet them.

May L. Webster, of Lawrence, was a welcome visitor at our last meeting, and we shall ever be glad to see visitors from sister chapters.

Topeka local sends hearty greetings to all chapters and wishes much success to the JOURNAL.

In the bonds of Kappa Alpha Theta,

ELLA ELSON ROPES,

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

RHO.

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The history of our chapter has been very uneventful since our last letter. Nothing of particular interest has happened and we have been doing quiet, but effective work. We have had one "swing." The victim was Annie Funke, a girl whom we consider well worthy to wear the black and gold. Thus far we have had so few initiations that the novelty is not yet worn off, and when we do have one, all our pent up energies break loose and we revel to our hearts' content, and to the dismay of the "unfortunate."

There is an unusually small number of desirable girls in school, outside the fraternities, so there is very little "rushing." We hope we may be able to increase our number next year, but at present there is no girl on whom we are anxious to put our pin. We have noticed in the letters that many of the chapters pledge "preps." We have never pledged any preparatory students yet, as we do not exactly like the plan. We think it better to wait until the girls are freshmen, for then we can tell whether they have proven themselves

desirable in every way; and then, too, there is always the danger of being disappointed after having asked them, so that it would be necessary to withdraw the invitation. We do not know how the plan has succeeded with other chapters, but from what we have heard, we should not think it would be the wisest course, and as the other fraternities here have never tried it, we are not placed at a disadvantage.

Rho sends best wishes to all chapters.

LAMBDA.

Vermont State University, Burlington, Vermont.

MY DEAR THETAS:—I think you will all have to yield the palm to Lambda, for we are really and truly to have a *chapter house* just as soon as it can be built in the spring, and with the promise of its completion before the opening of the college year next September. It will be the first one in the society, will it not? though from one of my convention memories I am not sure but Mu will dispute that claim with us. You can put yourselves in our places and imagine how delighted we are; and it doesn't take off the edge of our delight one bit to think how envious the boys will be, for not one of the fraternities in the U. V. M. is yet the proud possessor of a chapter house.

I wish you all had so generous a guardian angel as we have. Besides the promise of this chapter house, she has already beautified our hall with two large, fine engravings.

Just now we are rehearsing a play, written by one of our girls, to be given at the hall next week in honor of the return of one of the girls who has been away teaching. It'll be a fine thing; you'd all better come and see it.

With best wishes to all,

LAMBDA.

BETA.

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Beta makes her bow again and resumes her work with energy and interest. The girls returned from the Xmas festivities imbued

with fresh enthusiasm for Theta and a desire to promote her welfare in every possible manner; each and all determined by their college work to lift high the "black and gold," and wave it "Excelsior."

One of our seniors, Miss Effie Lemonds, has been chosen, by reason of her great ability, by the professor of Romance languages, to translate a work of considerable importance from the German. She is now at work upon it, and it will be published at some time in the near future.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to a joint meeting of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta to be held at one of our Theta homes. The feelings and sentiments between the two fraternities are of the most amicable character and no animosity lingers in the same atmosphere with the "Key and the Kite." The bow of peace spans and arches our college sky, and from the depths of true and loyal hearts emanates one pulsation of hope for our fraternity that she may "live long and prosper." She is recognized as a substantial organization, christened and officially honored. With this recognition may we be unselfish in our devotion, and not weary in well doing. May our hearts go out in thanksgiving that our order has been prospered in the past, and may we have much to be thankful for in the coming days. Unreserved allegiance and unwavering loyalty to our chapter makes the sweet music of the perfect harmony of Kappa Alpha Theta.

With love to all Thetas.

Sincerely yours,

JOE PITTMAN.

NU.

Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana.

The midwinter term opens with prospects for hard work and some pleasure for Nu chapter. Two of our active members did not come back after the Christmas holidays, but expect to join us again in the spring. We have with us again this year Victoria Arbuckle, formerly of '88, who has returned from a year's stay in Colorado and enrolled with '89. Although our chapter is small this term, fraternity spirit and enthusiasm are not wanting. We have made no initiations so far but have pledged two bright preps.

We have done very little in a social way this year. Last year we gave a public reception the first Thursday of each month, but this term, owing to the pressure of college and fraternity work, have discontinued them. We hope to resume them soon. Fraternity circles have been rather quiet in Hanover this year, but it is rumored that some of the "bretheren" will soon give a regular Greek spread. The frats are all in a flourishing condition with the exception of the Delta Gamma, which has but one active member. Nu has already begun to talk and plan concerning the next convention, which meets with Kappa chapter. Now, when the bleak winter weather is upon us, we are rejoicing in the wise action of the last convention in changing the time of the convention from February to the beautiful month of October. Having so many new chapters in the next convention ought to be a very full and a very enjoyable one.

Nu was more than glad to respond to a call for a JOURNAL letter once more, and we are quite certain that if all the chapters have felt the need of the JOURNAL as much as Nu has, they will all be very prompt in their contributions in the future.

Best wishes for the JOURNAL and sister chapters from

Nu.

KAPPA.

Kansas State University, Lawrence, Kansas.

The girls of Kappa for the most part have been passing a quiet pleasant winter. Those of us in school have been too busy to give much time or attention to what the outside world has done. One of our number, Tella Chapman, was sick during the last of the fall term. She has recovered now and is again in college.

Lillie McMillan has returned from a trip east and reports a fine time.

Mrs. Frank Webster gave a large party a few weeks ago, and some of us were among the guests.

On January 26th we initiated two girls who had been pledged to us for some time, Helen Simpson and May Monroe. Miss Beck, formerly of Greencastle, was with us on that occasion. The

girls met at May Webster's home and spent the evening in the jolly way that girls by themselves spend evenings.

Our chapter is still small, but harmonious, and the outlook is cheerful.

MU.

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

DEAR THETAS:—*Annum felicissimum novum omnibus!*
Mu sends greeting to her sister chapters with the wish that their hopes may be as bright and their prospects as delightful as her own.

We ended last term well by taking into our mystic circle, December 6, Miss Anna Coder, of Meadville, a charming young lady, who thus makes one more for the list of our resident members, and though we greatly regret the absence of Miss Brundage this term, who is one of our five dignified seniors, we certainly began the term well by pledging Miss Belle Watson, of Newcastle, Pa., whose class standing is unusually high, and who was one of the girls preferring the *Kite* or none.

On this happy occasion, January 17, Mrs. Dr Williams, wife of our President, was with us, and 'tis needless to state that we had a glorious time. Mrs. W. was one of "the old" Theta girls at Allegheny.

The Mu girls know how to thoroughly enjoy a frat. spread, and during the year we have had a number of them.

We have invented a chapter call, and indeed a large share of Theta loyalty and enthusiasm is Mu's.

May Theta's banner of "Black and Gold" ever wave highest
is the wish of MU.

IOTA.

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Since we began the college year with our chapter so much larger than ever before, we decided that when November first came we would invite very few to join us. Shortly after at the home of

one of our faculty members we initiated Alice Atkinson, Bertha Smith, and Grace Law

Julia Snow '88, who is with us as fellow in Botany was lately elected one of the first lady members of Sigma Psi, the honorary scientific society.

Stephanie Marx '88, has recently been appointed head of the German department at Agoutz Seminary near Philadelphia, Pa.

One of our faculty members, Mrs. Comstock, has gone abroad with her husband and will spend the winter in Leipsic.

Eva Smith '86, and Charles E. Snyder '85, were married in November.

We are very busy at present preparing for a fancy dress ball to be given January, 18. Our prospective guests seem to be heartily interested in the preparation of costumes and the event bids fair to be a great success.

Yours fraternally,

IOTA.

TAU.

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

We are glad once more, to write to the Kappa Alpha Theta, not only to report progress, but also to hear from our sister chapters. The fall term just passed, has proven a very pleasant and profitable one to our chapter. The term upon which we are just entering, bids fair to be equally profitable. Mary Knox is not able be with us this term, much to our regret.

We were invited to a particularly pleasant Theta party, this fall; Mrs. Laura Hill Norton, of Eta Chapter, invited us one evening, to her home in Ravenswood. Mrs. Barrow of Chicago, and Mrs. Smoot of Highland Park, members of the same chapter with Mrs. Norton, were invited to meet us. You may be sure it was not long before we felt well acquainted with all these ladies. We had met Mrs. Norton before, but had never seen Mrs. Smoot and Mrs. Barrow. We have never met many from other chapters, and it was a rare treat for us to meet these who keep their interest in Kappa Alpha Theta as warm as of yore. Mrs. Barrow was the founder of Kappa Chapter.

Since sending our report for the fall term, we have pledged one new Prep. They number four now, Mae Dinger, Addie Beggs, Rose Ewell and Lucy Sheldon.

When Lillian Prescott returned from the Christmas vacation, she brought a beautiful banner of black satin, embroidered in gold for our hall, a present to us from her mother. Long live our Theta mothers!

With sisterly greetings

TAU.

DELTA.

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois.

TO KAPPA ALPHA THETA:—Delta sends her greetings to the sister chapters, and wishes them a happy new year. Another entirely successful and satisfactory time for Delta has passed, and now after a very pleasant vacation to all, she calls her roll, and to two names there comes no response. Last term we had a membership of eighteen, and Theta was enjoyed by all, which was shown by the regular attendance and active part taken by nearly every one. We have now several college girls and ten pledged members. To-morrow we expect to initiate one of the last year's pledged members and to pledge two preparatory girls. We shall then have all we want for this year. We expect to give some kind of a reception this term. With our plan of work we think the prospects are bright for the year. The Kappa's have sent a committee to confer with one from Theta, concerning the rushing process usually practiced at the beginning of the year. No action has been taken as yet, but will be soon. Phi Delta Theta gives an open session Jan. 26th. to which invitations to all the frats. have been sent and to a favored few of the bars.

The gentlemen's fraternities have much opposition which is becoming somewhat strong, in an organization of the Bars, called the "Elites." The Thetas and Kappas are supposed to have some opposition in the same manner. Last Friday we were surprised by a very pretty and appropriate present from some of the Phi Gams. It is a ballot box with Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Chapter,

printed in gold letters on top, and supplied with ballot marbles. It is very highly appreciated.

Delta sends love to all the Thetas.

ELLA LOUDON.

THETA.

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

DEAR SISTERS IN THETA:—Theta Chapter has re-assembled with broken ranks, after our two weeks' vacation. Three of our members, Adda Loomis, Edith McGee and Grace Fields, have not returned to college this term and we miss them greatly. We still have seven active and energetic workers in school, with a large number of interested resident members, and we are looking forward to a busy and prosperous term's work. Our elegant new Science hall is rapidly nearing completion and the young ladies of Simpson are cheered by the bright prospects of a "Ladies' Hall," which we are sure will prove a great pleasure and benefit to the young ladies of the college and increase the reputation of our Simpson, as affording every convenience for those attending her halls. The November number of Kappa Alpha Theta was eagerly read and greatly enjoyed by us and we intend to do all in our power to make our beloved journal a success. We are waiting patiently but with great longing for the promised catalogue and song book, as we feel that each will increase the interest of both active members and those who are engaged in the duties of life which lie outside the school room. We will hail the long-coveted treasures with great delight. Theta Chapter sends best wishes and loving greeting to all the wearers of the black and gold.

THETAS.

ALPHA.

DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

DEAR THETA SISTERS:—Since our last letter to you, nothing of importance has happened. Our chapter has gone on much as

usual, and is now in a very flourishing condition. We have initiated eight new girls this year, all of whom are students of unusual ability and girls of great strength of character. Thetas in every sense of the word. Besides these we have several new pledged girls.

One of our new members is Miss Louise Fisher, whom we are very proud to claim, as she is a member of the faculty as well as one of the loveliest of women.

We have given one entertainment this year for our new girls. This was in the nature of a Hallowe'en party, and was very enjoyable. All of the eleven girls to whom we had given propositions displayed the "black and gold" on that evening.

We close, hoping that all of our sister chapters may enjoy a successful and prosperous term's work.

M. E. S.

PI.

Albion College, Albion, Michigan.

DEAR THETA SISTERS:—As we review the records of our chapter since our last letter, we find although the time has been short, Pi Chapter has not been sleeping. Last term was one of the most successful terms in our history. Success has crowned our every effort. We can introduce to you as the result of our labors five new sisters, all of whom Pi Chapter may justly be proud. Our chapter now numbers twelve. The largest we have ever been. We have indulged in several spreads in our hall but have given no entertainment as yet, although we have one in contemplation, which we hope to give at an early date.

The term has been so full of other things none of the fraternites have done anything socially. Both the gentlemen and ladies' fraternities have been busy in other directions, and all have initiated several good members, with the exception of Delta Gamma who have not as yet had an initiation.

In our last letter we wrote you of the departure from our number of Miss Jennie Armstrong, who left us in the fall for Denver, Colorado, as we supposed to finish her course at the university at that place. Our surprise then can better be imagined than de-

scribed, when one morning, the last of the term she walked into Chapel without giving us a moment's warning. Finding she could not complete her work there satisfactorily she returned to Albion. This was a strong reinforcement and we were glad to welcome her back.

The Sigma Chis have commenced work on their new hall, having been granted permission by the trustees of the college to erect one on the campus. This is indeed an advance step and a very commendable one, it being the first attempt among the gentlemen's fraternities to procure a permanent home.

We are anxiously looking for our new song books and catalogue, hoping the new year may bring them.

Pi wishes all her sister chapters a happy New Year, and trusts it may prove a year of unequalled prosperity for the "black and gold."

EPSILON.

Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.

Rarely has Epsilon been permitted to begin the work of a term under brighter auspices than were accorded her Friday evening of January 11th. The busy brains of the home girls, released from study, turned their attention, after the Christmas holidays were over, to prepare a welcome back for their scattered sisters. This welcome was given right royally at the home of Miss Underwood. The very pleasant little farce, "A Likely Story," (known to the readers of Harper) was charmingly rendered before an audience of twenty-six appreciative girls. The nature and space of this article will not permit us to dilate on the actors and their performance. We will content ourselves with saying they all merited the applause they received, which hearty applause was the real expression of a most hearty enjoyment. After the play was over delightful refreshments were served, our hostess not contenting herself with merely giving us the free use of her house. We know not whether this delightful evening was the result of a random suggestion or the outgrowth of the plan of entertainment spoken of in our last letter, but whether the latter or not, we can not but rejoice over the success with which that plan has been attended. It has given us many a pleasant

evening, relaxation and entertainment without triviality, which latter was perhaps the greatest danger to be apprehended from it. Had we time, we might enumerate the many and various ways in which the ingenuity of the girls has manifested itself during the past term. Not least among them were a tableau from the "Courtship of Miles Standish," with Priscilla seated at her wheel and John Alden (surely in a dilemma if ever a man was) standing before her with downcast face; and the dialogue between Sam Weller and his father on the occasion of his writing a valentine. Perhaps *the* event of the term was the "Pumpkin Pie Party" extended to our gentlemen friends. We have not time for a lengthy description of it, but every thing was pumpkin. The invitations were written in blocks of rind, wrapped in blue tissue paper and tied with gold ribbon. Pumpkins with Kappa Alpha Theta cut in them were set about with lighted candles inside; others were turned into vases for flowers. The refreshments consisted of pumpkin pie and cider, and the prizes in a pronouncing match (only gentlemen being contestants) were, for "booby," a large pumpkin, and for the successful competitor a pie some two or three feet in diameter. The booby prize, not inappropriately, was won on the word *pumpkin*.

Two girls have been added to our number since the writing of the last letter, making us in all eighteen. We have always been a little fearful of "numbers" because it would seem impossible to find a large number of girls congenial in tastes, disposition, etc., and lack of congeniality might be fatal to the harmony of the whole. We are happy to say that so far we have experienced no trouble from this source, and Epsilon has never seemed to have more unity of feeling than just at present.

J. C.

Personals.

THETA.

Miss Jennie Stewart is teaching school near Indianola, Iowa.

Miss Lillian C. Jacoby is assistant in the Music Department of Simpson College.

Miss Molly Welty '83, was recently married to a prominent physician of Shenandoah, Iowa.

Mss Susie Stevens of '83, is high school teacher at Osceola, Iowa.

Bird C. Morrison of '81, contemplates a visit to Rho Chapter some time in the early spring, as she passes through Lincoln on her way to her sister's home in Liberty, Neb.

Santa Clause (only that isn't his name) kindly remembered Mamie Clark at Christmas time, by presenting her with a beautiful jewelled badge.

Nell Smith Knotts is living in Des Moines, but makes occasional visits to her sister at Simpson.

Theta's resident members are Renie (McGee) McCammon, Ada (Pryor) Losing, Ada (Sandy) Samson, Mina (Hale) Hamilton, Lillian C. Jacoby, Bertha Todd, Ida Newland Taylor, Cad Taylor, Alice Butler Miller, Maude Calhoun, Bird C. Morrison, Ella Long, Louise Cheshire.

Anna Golden Stuart, one of Theta's charter members, with her husband, Dr. George A. Stuart, is now a missionary in China.

Miss Kate Riste is at her home in Blue Springs, Neb.

Miss Maud Brice is at home in Tama, Iowa.

DELTA.

Bess A. Grove, '88, is now attending the Business College of Quincy, Ill.

Louella Gray, who was here last term, is now at home, but expects to be with us again in the spring.

Allie Kanouse is attending the Commercial School at Valparaiso, Ind.

Laura McCullock, '87, is teaching.

Mattie Myres, '90, who has been spending the winter in California, will return in the spring.

Mrs. Floy Hickman, nee Wasmuth, paid her sister and sisters a short visit last term.

Irene Blanchard is at her home in Minonk.

Cora Blake is with us again for the rest of the year.

Gertrude McCallister is pursuing her music again this year.

MU.

Miss Cassia Patton, ex '82, of Cochranton, Pa., and Miss Iris Bar, of Titusville, Pa., visited us last week, accompanied by Miss Henderson, and Miss Reitze, of town

Miss Dora O'Neil, '90, formerly a Mu girl, but now of Pittsburgh Female College, is President of the present senior class.

Miss Mary Harmon who is this year at Wellesley taking both the college and music course, was with us the beginning of this term to again worship at Theta's altar.

Miss Fradenburgh, '88, has an excellent position in the Warren, Pa. High School.

BETA.

Belle Maxwell, Maud Van Zandt, Ella Rawles and Dell Bicknell were all present at our first meeting this term and helped to add enthusiasm and give us an impetus in our work. They all hold responsible and lucrative positions and wherever they go will add credit to Kappa Alpha Theta.

Mabel Banta visited our sister Grace Woodburn during the holidays.

Kate Milner, class '86, will read a paper at the meeting of the Southern Indiana Teachers Association to be held at Greensburg, Ind.

Temple West visited Malt Rogers the latter part of Xmas week.

Grace Rawles visited at Greensburg, Ind., recently.

Sophia Sheeks was appointed by the trustees of the University as registrar. This is an honor justly bestowed.

Theta is well represented on the library corps at the University. Florence Hughes and Louise Maxwell both holding positions.

Georgia Byer is a member of the "student" staff.

Bertha Miers is studying music at Oberlin, Ohio.

Berta Bond was married to a Mr. W. L. Laufman this fall and is now located at Shelby, Mich.

Joe Pittman has been invited by Mrs. Hattie A. Prunk, professor of the Indiana branch of the Boston School of Oratory, to take a place in her annual elocutionary entertainment to be held in Indianapolis, Ind.

Clara Sluss is visiting in Washington, Ind.

EPSILON.

Epsilon enjoyed a visit from Miss Emma Robertson '83 now principal of the high school in Zanesville, Ohio, in the early part of December.

Janet Henderson, '88, now of Painesville, spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Wooster.

Mrs. H. H. Higbee (*nee* Flo Johnson) '87, gladdened the eyes of her Theta sisters for a week last term.

Elizabeth Gaston, formerly of '90, was married to Professor H. N. Master, of Webster University, on Oct. 25, '88

Alice Hayes, '91, has been obliged to remain out of school this term on account of her eyes. Her absence is greatly deplored, for although but a recently added link to the chain of the sisterhood, she is already felt to be one of the brightest and strongest.

PI.

Annie E. Stephens, '87, spent her short vacation at her home in Albion.

E. May Mases, '89, visited friends in Detroit during the holidays.

The marriage of Lizzie Eveleth and Frank Northway took place December 31, at her home in Corunna, Mich.

Iola Kennedy made her Theta sisters happy by spending a few days at Albion and assisting in the initiation of Miss Ella Caster.

Beied C. Schall, '88, spent her vacation with friends in Albion.

KAPPA.

In spite of the stormy Thanksgiving night, the bells rang gailey for Miss Mamie Wagstaff's wedding. Her father's pleasant home was filled with guests. The ceremony was very short and simple, and was performed by Dr. Marvin, ex-chancellor of the University. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson are now living in a cosy little house on a pleasant street in Lawrence, and all prospects are favorable for a happy life. This the Kappa Alpha Theta wishes them.

Miss Margaret Eidemiller, 81, visited in Abilene during the holidays Misses Lizzie and Kate Wilder. On her way to Abilene she stopped over at Junction City for a short time and was entertained there by Miss Alice Bartell.

Miss Ella Ropes is now holding the position of assistant librarian in the Kansas State Library, at Topeka.

Miss Lillie McMillan, our competent business manager, has been spending the last month or two in Buffalo, Washington and other eastern cities.

Miss Fannie Pratt, one of Kappa's favorite "old girls," is passing a pleasant winter in Boston. We envy her the opportunities for sight-seeing and music.

Miss Tella Chapman, the exchange editor of Kappa Alpha Theta, has lost a month or more of college work by sickness. She is recovered now, however, and will enter school next term.

Mrs. Harriet Haskell MacDonald recently visited in Topeka. While there she saw many of the members of the local chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Miss May Webster attended a German in Topeka given by the Imperial club.

LAMBDA.

Grace Wright, '90, is doing some private teaching.

Emily Colburn, '90, has been quite sick with intermittent fever, but is gaining quite rapidly at present. We hope to welcome her back to college soon.

June Yale, '90, who is teaching at Clark Institute, Northampton, Mass., is expected home soon on a short vacation. We are busy making plans to enliven her visit with us.

MARRIED—November 16, 1888, Jessie Wright '84 to Mr. Geo. Whitcomb. Mr. Whitcomb graduated from the Boston Law School in the same class with his wife. It is reported that they both will practice law in the same office.

RHO.

We regret very much that Katharine Weston is not sufficiently recovered from her severe illness to be in school this term. She will return next year to finish her course.

Mrs. Alma Holman Burton, Alpha Chapter, wife of Senator Burton, will be in Lincoln during the session of the Legislature.

Rho is enjoying a visit from Lulu Sprague, Epsilon.

Annie Funke spent the Holidays in Omaha.

Elizabeth Bonnell is missed from our ranks this term.

Olive Latla has been obliged to give up her work in school on account of ill health.

Edith Long, of Iola, is teaching in the city.

Annie Childe and Gertrude Laws spent part of their holiday vacation with Kalharine Weston at her charming home in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Pearl Dement is at her home in Lexington, Ills.

Dena Loomis will entertain the Theta's and their friends at a "taffy pull," next Monday evening.

Editorials.

WE shall hope to issue another JOURNAL in May, and therefore earnestly request that all material be sent in promptly. The chapter letters, as a rule, come to us in due time, but, to tell the truth, the literary contributions lag.

THE Article entitled "Those Brothers" was published in the *Indianapolis News* some weeks ago, and was written by a sister from Tau Chapter, Miss Eleanor Igleheart. The article came unsigned, but we feel that all Thetas will be interested in knowing the source of so bright a bit of "chit-chat."

Who can give us any news of our lost lambs at Los Angelos? The JOURNAL and its editors have tried repeatedly to search them out, but all efforts are unavailing. We begin to fear that they are not sufficiently versed in the etiquette of fraternity life to know that business letters require answers. Can we not appoint a committee to investigate the affairs of these innocents? Information in regard to this chapter would be received with sincere gratitude.

WE were greatly disappointed to receive word from a certain chapter that they could not furnish a literary contribution for this number of the JOURNAL. We are anxious to make our paper not only a medium of communication through chapter letters, personals, exchanges, etc., but also to offer our chapters something in the way of literary material. This can not be done unless the chapters chosen by the last convention to do such work are prompt and

particular about sending us articles from their alumnae editors. May we ask, then, that the chapters carrying this responsibility send in their articles in due season for publication in each JOURNAL.

THE catalogue of Kappa Alpha Theta has come, and will surely be welcomed by the entire fraternity. Its editors, Miss Florence Beck and Miss Mary Barwick of Alpha, deserve much praise for the successful accomplishment of their great task. There are some errors, to be sure, but we feel that all ought to be very charitable, since this is the first attempt ever made in this direction. The book contains 122 pages of catalogue material; the cover is a neutral gray tint, and the paper throughout is of excellent quality. We feel justly proud of our first catalogue, and with pleasure present to the readers of the Kappa Alpha Theta JOURNAL an outline of the material in the book.

The first thing that meets our eye is a short historical sketch of the fraternity, that reads as follows:

The Society of Kappa Alpha Theta was organized at Indiana Asbury (now DePauw) University, Greencastle, Indiana, January 27, 1870.

It was the first society of ladies organized with principles and methods akin to those of the Greek letter fraternities. The establishment of the Society was an experiment, as few colleges were then admitting women to equal educational facilities with men. Ladies being admitted to all college privileges equally with other students this organization was the outgrowth of the same need that prompted the formation of regular fraternities. The first chapter was formed with National charter, and during the same year began placing chapters in other colleges. The chapters were named upon State system until 1881, when the present mode was adopted. The first convention was held at Greencastle, Ind., in 1886, the second at Bloomington, Ind., in 1879.

Conventions were then made biennial, and were held at Wooster, Ohio, in 1881; Greencastle, Ind., in 1883; Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1885; called convention at Wooster, Ohio, in 1886, and regular session at Hanover, Ind., in 1887. Until 1883 the government of the Sorority was in the hands of Alpha. It is now vested in a Grand Chapter—composed of one member from each chapter—Alpha remaining permanent *head* of the order, the secretaryship being held by the chapters in turn. There are no *sub-rosa* chapters. No preparatory students are eligible to membership. The publications of the Sorority are: JOURNAL—"The Kappa Alpha Theta," song book, and catalogue. The badge is a gold plate with covering of black enamel. It is one inch by three-fourths, having four curved sides—two by two—one pair being longer than the other.

In the irregular space so enclosed is a chevron of white, on which is inscribed Kappa Alpha Theta, above which are two diamond stars, and below, the Greek letters "A. W. O." The colors of the sorority are black and gold. The following is the roll of existing chapters:

- Alpha—DePauw University.
- Beta—Indiana State University.
- Delta—Illinois Wesleyan University.
- Epsilon—University of Wooster.
- Theta—Simpson College.
- Iota—Cornell University.
- Kappa—Kansas State University.
- Lambda—University of Vermont.
- Mu—Allegheny College.
- Nu—Hanover College.
- Omicron—University of Southern California
- Pi—Albion College.
- Rho—University of Nebraska.

Sigma—Toronto University.

Tau—Northwestern University.

Alpha chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was established January 27, 1870, at Greencastle, Ind., and up to time of compiling the catalogue, numbered 163 members.

Beta chapter was established May 18, 1870, at Bloomington, Ind., and numbered 114, to 1888.

Delta chapter was established June 9, 1875, at Bloomington, Ill., and numbered 83, to 1888.

Epsilon chapter was established in 1875, at Wooster, Ohio, and numbered 52, to 1888.

Theta chapter was established in 1879 at Indianola, Iowa, and numbered 81, to 1888.

Iota chapter was established in 1881 at Ithaca, New York, and numbered 44 to 1888.

Kappa chapter was established April 15, 1881, at Lawrence, Kansas, and numbered 46, to 1888.

Lambda chapter was established in April, 1881, at Burlington, Vermont, and numbered 45, to 1888.

Mu chapter was established in 1881, at Meadville, Pa., and numbered 32, to 1888.

Nu chapter was established in 1882, at Hanover, Ind., and numbered 15, to 1888.

Omicron chapter was established in 1887, at Los Angelos, Cal., and numbered 12, to 1888.

Pi chapter was established in 1887 at Albion, Mich., and numbered 10, to 1888.

Rho chapter was established in 1887 at Lincoln, Neb., and numbered 5, to 1888.

Sigma chapter was established in 1887 at Toronto, Canada, and numbered 11, to 1888.

Tau chapter was established Sept. 29, 1887 at Evanston, Ill., and numbered 10, to 1888. This makes a total of 782 members. There were quite a number whose names could not be obtained.

Since tha first of 1888, large numbers have been added to the various chapters, so that the enrollment to date is nearly 1,000 members.



Exchanges.

THE *Key* of December, under its new management, is making zealous efforts to obtain a more solid footing in the fraternity and among rival journals. The new dress of lavender and blue (somewhat suggestive of the fraternity colors) and "The Key," without the antennae, present a great improvement over the former cover.

The new department for open letters contains two capitally written articles on the advisableness of pledging members and admitting preparatory students. The first letter of the series argues that often chapters have to struggle for an existence and preparatory students must be taken, not from desire, but from necessity. "Why? Because chapters of other fraternities persistently follow this course, and by the time the preparatory class has reached the college door all the best students are picked out."

"Again, some chapters not being able to obtain the material desired in the college classes, may prefer to pledge younger students and mould their thoughts and characters into harmony with chapter life before directly introduced to it. This last reason is not to be passed lightly over; if chapter life is in the least what it should be, it ought to be a fruitful source of help to pledged sisters, and the longer they are subjected to it the better."

The other article on the pledging of preparatory [students presents the opposite stand point. From it we quote the principal argument:

"The age at which students enter college is generally immature, and particularly so in the case of women. The average girl is a quicker student than the boy of the same age, and in the race of text-books she speedily distances him. Therefore, unless a stated age, sixteen or seventeen, is required by college authorities, the girl of fifteen is a matriculate while the boy of seventeen hardly knows whether to dare the entrance examination or not. But the girl is the quicker student, not the more thorough, and they are both in the preparatory department between the ages of twelve and fifteen. Would the boy, though a more thorough student, be considered at that age a proper subject for a pledge? A thoughtful appreciation of the case would hardly admit that a boy of twelve or fifteen years was of mature enough judgment to decide what group of men in the student body would be of the greatest value to him for the four years of a college course in the broadening and deepening of his manhood.

The girl is the quicker student, but not the deeper; shall we then, grant to her the ability to choose where we deny her more thoughtful brother? Or is the question not such an important one for the women as for the men? If a woman is in college at fifteen, it might with force be questioned whether she was then old enough for decision.

It may be argued that this is the formative period of a woman's life, and that the influences of a good society might be of worth through her whole life. Granted, but is it the best and most dignified use of time for a fraternity whose aim is high, and whose energies should be devoted to fastening spirituality of purpose and life, to engage in the kindergarten occupation of rearing children?"

The letter entitled "Shall We Admit 'Preps?'" also takes the view that the preparatory student, as a rule, has not reached the age of discretion and judgement, and if admitted, the higher aims of the society to which all may attain, are necessarily brought to a lower standard. Again, there are possibilities that the preparatory student may never become a freshman, and the custom of admitting her to a society tends to weaken the chapter to which she belongs.

* * * * "Many are very anxious to become fraternity members and to wear fraternity badges, and having once attained these, never attend college. Would there not be a greater impulse given to such persons if it were known that only those who are college members can become fraternity members? Preparatory students would look upon the fraternity as an advantage to be derived from college studies only. The whole atmosphere of secret societies would become purer and the work loftier, while numbers would guard the fraternity from the very fact that her doors were opened only after they had overcome the struggles and difficulties laid in their path."

THE November issue of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is like its predecessor, it contains little for criticism, at least, otherwise than mildly.

From the condensed account of the Fifty-fourth convention we obtain a general knowledge of the standing of the fraternity, and judge that its future must be established when we read "The Convention was somewhat opposed to chapter extension, and the election of an honorary member was again emphatically refused."

The department of "Letters from Chapters" occupies some twelve pages full of interest and valuable information. For the benefit of our readers we quote the following from a letter from Williams College: "There has been recently added to the By-Laws of the chapter an amendment which provides that the two lower classes shall be required to pass two examinations upon the Constitution and general history of the fraternity and upon the By-Laws of the chapter. It has also been voted that the President of the chapter shall read at the first regular meeting of each term the Constitution of the Fraternity and the By-Laws of the chapter. These provisions will, we believe, greatly promote the familiarity with the principles of the Fraternity and the interest in them which every loyal Delta should possess."

"Greek Letter Gossip," as its name indicates, is well filled with news from the Greek World. The exchanges are cleverly reviewed. The reprints are well selected and we like the "snap" and "vim" of the exchange editor. The editorials possess a tone of enthusiasm over the success of the convention, but otherwise they fall short of great merit. The thirty-four remaining pages are devoted to "Delta Upsilon Items," "Chapter news," and "Personals." The material of these departments seems to have been written with a thorough appreciation of the fraternity matter that an under-graduate is seeking for.

Alpha Phi Quarterly has not reached us since October, '88. The articles of this number are well written, and the *Quarterly* is particular fortunate in procuring material of interest to all Greek-Letter fraternities. "Cont about Collège Girls" is full of candor and wit, and the article entitled "Inter-Influence in Societies," is very instructive as showing the friendship that might exist between rival fraternities.

THE December number of the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield* is chiefly notable for a justly considered article on "Favorite Societies." The author justifies the eronious statements regarding college fraternities, made by Mr. Porter in the September *Century*. By a comparison of societies it is shown that Mr. Porter ignores many fraternities, that from their general merits compel recognition.

The editorials and chapter letters show spirit and ability. The following editorial is noteworthy:

"Periodically our contemporaries in various quarters advocate the formation of chapter libraries, and reference to the spirit of the Fraternity press of this issue will suffice to show $\Phi \Psi \Sigma$ what attention is just now being given to the matter by our rivals.

Every $\Phi \Psi$ ought to read and ponder the lengthy extract from that magnificent example of Greek journalism, *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. We need exhortation badly on the subject of this editorial as well, although we have under our new constitution an officer whose specific duty it is to do much if not quite all that is recommended by our distinguished contemporary.

We know a chapter of $\Phi K \Psi$, in the halcyon days of the graceless past, which did not keep a record of initiates, kept no regular minutes of meetings, and frequently failed to collect initiation and other dues. Such a thing as a file of $\Phi K \Psi$ publications alone was undreamed of, and even to this day we seriously question whether a file of the *Shield* is to be found with this chapter for the volumes since 1882. Can any man become intelligent on fraternity affairs who does not familiarize himself with the literature of his own organization?

So lax were we once that a fugitive copy of either the *Phi Kappa Psi Journal* or *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly* is as rare a thing as one would well wish to see, and yet it is scarce a dozen years since the last *Journal* existed.

We have come out into a brighter day in our ways of fraternity living, but we ought to have in every chapter a well-defined scheme for the collection of books, pamphlets, souvenirs of bouquets, and other $\Phi \Psi$ gatherings, somewhat after the manner suggested by the *Schroll*.

We heartily second the suggestion therein made, and feel all the more like emphasizing it when we remember that we have chapters that for years have pursued such a plan and now have collections invaluable to $\Phi \Psi$.

Let us at once begin to emulate the chapters in our fraternity which have shown care in collecting archieves, and if we have not done so we ought to begin at once to subscribe for an extra copy of the *Shield* to go into the new library. Would it not be well to begin by sending for the May issue of last volume, containing an account of the Washington G. A. C., and perpetuate the custom by leaving a standing order through all the volumes to our *Journal* so long as it shall last." We have of the issue of May, 1888, and since, perhaps enough to supply all the chapters, if this important matter has been neglected.

If you have not already done so, subscribe at once for a copy of the *Shield* as a chapter."

The Arrow, evidently wishing to make an impression in the world of fraternity journalism, appears in larger form and makes especially prominent its wide margins and large type. The material is generally good. It contains an extensive report of the last convention, which, of course, is full of interest to all Pi Beta Phis. Under chapter reports we notice the following:

"Illinois Gamma was not represented at the late convention by either delegate or report, and because of non-compliance with the demands of Grand Alpha, their charter was withdrawn."

WE are glad to welcome the *Rainbow* again among our exchanges, but we miss the interesting department—The Symposium. Among other valuable matter we find the following: "To the Chapter Secretaries. It is hard to tell just what to include in the chapter letters and what to leave out; you should know best yourselves, being on the ground. In answer to many inquiries and in view of much confusion on this subject we say this much to you: Your letters should show the condition of your chapters, and the fraternity as seen from your point of observation. If you have hit upon some successful plan for accomplishing some object that may be useful to the other chapters, tell what it is. If you have some difficulty that the experience of the others might help you to alleviate, ask for their suggestions. Give notes of educational and fraternity interest in general, though these should be written on separate sheets, properly endorsed.

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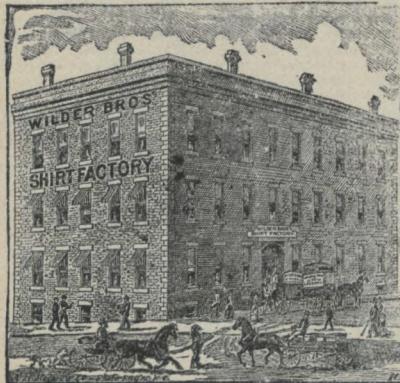
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